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> IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA RICHMOND DIVISION

- - - - - - - - x In re: : Chapter 11 CIRCUIT CITY STORES, INC., : Case No. 08-35653 (KRH) et al.,

DEBTORS' FIFTH OMNIBUS MOTION FOR ORDER PURSUANT TO

Debtors. : Jointly Administered

BANKRUPTCY CODE SECTIONS 105(a), 365(a) AND 554 AND BANKRUPTCY RULE 6006 AUTHORIZING REJECTION OF CERTAIN UNEXPIRED LEASES OF NONRESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY AND ABANDONMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

The debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned jointly administered cases (collectively, the "Debtors") hereby move (the "Motion") for entry of an order, pursuant to sections 105(a), 365(a) and 554 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") and Rule 6006 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), authorizing the Debtors to (i) reject certain unexpired subleases of real property, including any amendments and modifications, as set forth on the attached Exhibit A (collectively, the "Subleases"), and any guaranties thereof and (ii) abandon any Debtor-owned equipment, furniture or fixtures located at the premises covered by the Subleases (the "Premises"). In support of the Motion, the Debtors respectfully represent:

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The Debtors and the last four digits of their respective taxpayer identification numbers are as follows: Circuit City Stores, Inc. (3875), Circuit City Stores West Coast, Inc. (0785), InterTAN, Inc. (0875), Ventoux International, Inc. (1838), Circuit City Purchasing Company, LLC (5170), CC Aviation, LLC (0841), CC Distribution Company of Virginia, Inc. (2821), Circuit City Properties, LLC (3353), Kinzer Technology, LLC (2157), Abbott Advertising Agency, Inc. (4659), Patapsco Designs, Inc. (6796), Sky Venture Corp. (0311), Prahs, Inc. (n/a), XSStuff, LLC (9263), Mayland MN, LLC (6116), Courchevel, LLC (n/a), Orbyx Electronics, LLC (3360), and Circuit City Stores PR, LLC (5512). The address for Circuit City Stores West Coast, Inc. is 9250 Sheridan Boulevard, Westminster, Colorado 80031. For all other Debtors, the address is 9950 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia 23233.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 1. This Court has jurisdiction to consider this Motion under 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. This is a core proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 157(b). Venue of these cases and this Motion in this district is proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.
- The statutory predicates for the relief requested herein are Bankruptcy Code sections 105(a),
 365(a) and 554 and Bankruptcy Rule 6006.

BACKGROUND

- 3. On November 10, 2008 (the "Petition

 Date"), the Debtors filed voluntary petitions in this

 Court for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 4. The Debtors continue to manage and operate their businesses as debtors in possession pursuant to Bankruptcy Code sections 1107 and 1108.
- 5. On November 12, 2008, the Office of the United States Trustee for the Eastern District of Virginia appointed a statutory committee of unsecured creditors (the "Creditors' Committee"). To date, no trustee or examiner has been appointed in these chapter 11 cases.

- 6. On January 16, 2009, the Court authorized the Debtors, among other things, to conduct going out of business sales at the Debtors' remaining 567 stores pursuant to an agency agreement (the "Agency Agreement") between the Debtors and a joint venture, as agent (the" Agent"). On January 17, 2009, the Agent commenced going-out-of-business sales pursuant to the Agency Agreement at the Debtors' remaining stores.
- 7. On February 19, 2009, the Bankruptcy
 Court entered an Order Under Bankruptcy Code Sections
 105, 363 and 365 (I) Approving Bidding and Auction
 Procedures For Sale Of Unexpired Nonresidential Real
 Property Leases, (II) Setting Sale Hearing Dates, And
 (III) Authorizing And Approving (A) Sale Of Certain
 Nonresidential Real Property Leases Free And Clear Of
 All Interests, (B) Assumption And Assignment Of Certain
 Unexpired Nonresidential Real Property Leases And (C)
 Lease Rejection Procedures (the "Order")(D.I. 2242).
 The Order authorized the Debtors to reject certain
 unexpired real property leases and abandon certain
 furniture, fixtures, and equipment owned by the Debtors
 (the "Abandoned Property"), upon notice to the lessors

(the "Lessors"), without further Court approval (the "Rejection Notice").

8. Pursuant to the Order, the Debtors have filed and served several Rejection Notices to various Lessors under the primary leases at the closing stores (the "Primary Leases"). The Debtors believe that all of the Subleases associated with the respective Primary Leases are deemed rejected on the same date as their respective Primary Lease. Out of an abundance of caution and the Debtors' intent to provide as much notice as possible to its tenants under the Subleases (the "Subtenants"), the Debtors hereby file this Motion to reject the Subleases.

RELIEF REQUESTED

9. By this Motion, the Debtors request the entry of an order under Bankruptcy Code sections 105(a) and 365(a) and Bankruptcy Rule 6006 authorizing the

The Order required the Debtors to pay rent to the Lessors on a per diem basis for those days prior to the Rejection Date of the Primary Leases. To the extent that the Subtenants have paid the entire March rent to the Debtors, the Debtors will make payment on a per diem basis for the number of days in the post-rejection period to the Subtenant or directly to the Primary Landlord, if the Subtenant elects.

Debtors to reject the Subleases and any guaranties thereof.

- 10. The Debtors reserve the right to seek to assume or reject additional leases and subleases in the future. This Motion should not be construed as a determination that any leases or subleases not listed herein are to be assumed or rejected.
- 11. To the extent that the Debtors own any personal property remaining on the Premises, the Debtors further seek authority under Bankruptcy Code sections 105 and 554 to abandon any equipment, furniture or fixtures located at the Premises (the "Abandoned Property").

BASIS FOR RELIEF

- 12. For the purpose of clarity in light of the Debtors' rejection of the Primary Leases, the Debtors hereby move to reject the Subleases.
- 13. The Subleases are associated with Primary
 Leases that cover property where the Debtors operated
 retail stores and at which the Agent is currently
 conducting going-out-of-business sales. The Primary
 Leases are subject to various Rejection Notices. The

Subleases associated with the Primary Leases include location numbers 6016, 6101, 6104, 6106, 6110, 6127, 6128, 6132, 6166, 6224, 6243, 6244, 6245, 6255, 6256, 6416, 6440, 6448, 6504, 6516, 6519, 6521, 6530, 6615, 6770, 6949, 6965, and 6973.

- as of the date their respective Primary Lease was rejected, but no later than the respective dates set forth on Exhibit A (the "Rejection Date"). Accordingly, each of the Subleases is listed on Exhibit A, attached hereto, along with the name of the subtenant thereunder, location number of the associated Primary Lease and the applicable rejection date.
- Leases, the Debtors will be relieved from paying rent, as well as other costs, including taxes, insurance, maintenance and other related charges associated with the Leases. Thus, by seeking to reject the Primary Leases on the Rejection Date, the Debtors have avoided incurring unnecessary administrative charges for facilities that provide no tangible benefit to the Debtors' estates. The resulting savings from the

rejection of the Primary Leases will increase the Debtors' future cash flow and assist the Debtors in managing their estates.

- Subleases were also rejected on the same date that their respective Primary Leases were rejected. Chatlos

 Systems, Inc. v. Kaplan, 147 B.R. 96, 99 (D. Del. 1992)

 (holding that rejection of a primary lease results in deemed rejection of any sublease). Out of an abundance of caution, however, the Debtors likewise seek rejection of the Subleases associated with the Primary Leases.
- 17. In considering their options with respect to the Subleases, the Debtors have determined in their business judgment that the costs associated with assuming the Primary Leases and the Subleases would be substantial and would constitute an unnecessary drain on the Debtors' cash resources. Based on this analysis, the Debtors believe that the Subleases provide no value to the Debtors' estates and that there remains no viable possibility other than rejection of the Subleases.
- 18. The Debtors have already obtained the Court's authority to abandon property at the premises

with respect to the Primary Leases. The Debtors do not believe that they have any property on the Premises, but the Debtors have determined that to the extent such property is in place, the abandonment of the Abandoned Property is appropriate because such property is of inconsequential value and/or the cost of removing and storing such property exceeds its value to the Debtors' estates. Moreover, the Debtors believe that the Abandoned Property is no longer necessary for the operation of the Debtors' businesses.

19. Accordingly, the Debtors believe that rejection of the Subleases and any guaranties thereof and abandonment of the Abandoned Property as of the Rejection Date is in the best interests of their estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest.

APPLICABLE AUTHORITY

- I. REJECTION OF THE SUBLEASES IS A SOUND EXERCISE OF THE DEBTORS' BUSINESS JUDGMENT.
- 20. Bankruptcy Code section 365(a) provides that a debtor, "subject to the court's approval, may assume or reject any executory contract or unexpired lease." 11 U.S.C. § 365(a). A debtor's determination

to reject an executory contract is governed by the "business judgment" standard. See Lubrizol Enterprises, Inc. v. Richmond Metal Finishers, Inc., 756 F.2d 1043, 1046-47 (4th Cir. 1985), cert. denied sub nom., Lubrizol Enters., Inc. v. Canfield, 475 U.S. 1057 (1986); In re Extraction Technologies of VA, L.L.C., 296 B.R. 393, 399 (Bankr. E.D. Va. 2001); see also In re HQ Global Holdings, Inc., 290 B.R. 507, 511 (Bankr. D. Del. 2003) (stating that a debtor's decision to reject an executory contract is governed by the business judgment standard and can only be overturned if the decision was the product of bad faith, whim, or caprice).

21. Once the Debtors articulate a valid business justification, "[t]he business judgment rule 'is a presumption that in making a business decision the directors of a corporation acted on an informed basis, in good faith and in the honest belief that the action taken was in the best interests of the company.'"

Official Comm. Of Subordinated Bondholders v. Integrated Res., Inc., 147 B.R. 650, 656 (S.D.N.Y. 1992) (quoting Smith v. Van Gorkom, 488 A.2d 858, 872 (Del. 1985)).

- 22. The business judgment rule has vitality in chapter 11 cases and shields a debtor's management from judicial second-guessing. See Comm. Of Asbestos-Related Litigants and/or Creditors v. Johns-Manville

 Corp., 60 B.R. 612, 615 16 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1986)

 ("[T]he Code favors the continued operation of a business by a debtor and a presumption of reasonableness attaches to a debtor's management decisions.").
- satisfied the "business judgment" standard for rejecting the Subleases. The Primary Leases are financially burdensome and unnecessary to the Debtors' ongoing operations and business. Rejection of the Primary Leases and the Subleases is in the Debtors' best interests because the Debtors are not conducting retail operations at the premises of the Primary Leases after the Rejection Date. Moreover, the Debtors have reviewed the Primary Leases and the Subleases and have determined that neither has any marketable value beneficial to the Debtors' estates. As such, the Primary Leases and the Subleases provide no economic benefit to the Debtors, nor are such Primary Leases and Subleases a source of

potential value for the Debtors' estates and creditors.

Accordingly, rejection of the Subleases reflects the

exercise of the Debtors' sound business judgment.

- 24. In summary, the Debtors believe that the proposed rejection of the Subleases is tailored to minimize administrative expenses, maximize distributions to creditors in these chapter 11 cases, and return control of real property to the lessors quickly. In the exercise of their sound business judgment, the Debtors thus seek authority to reject the Subleases.
- 25. Numerous courts, including those in this district, have authorized similar relief. See, e.g., In re Movie Gallery, Inc., et al., Case No. 07-33849 (Bankr. E.D. Va. Oct. 17, 2007); In re Storehouse, Inc., Case No. 06-11144 (Bankr. E.D. Va. Nov. 21, 2006); In re Rowe Furniture, Inc., Case No. 06-11143 (Bankr. E.D. Va. Nov. 21, 2006); In re The Rowe Cos., Case No. 06-11142 (Bankr. E.D. Va. Nov. 21, 2006); In re US Airways Group, Inc., Case No. 02-83984 (Bankr. E.D. Va. Aug. 12, 2002).

II. THE BANKRUPTCY CODE AUTHORIZES THE ABANDONMENT OF THE ABANDONED PROPERTY.

- that "[a]fter notice and a hearing, the trustee may abandon any property of the estate that is burdensome to the estate or that is of inconsequential value and benefit to the estate." 11 U.S.C. § 554(a). Courts give debtors in possession great deference to their decisions to abandon under section 554. See In re Vel Rey Props., Inc., 174 B.R. 859, 867 (Bankr. D.D.C. 1994) ("Clearly, the court should give deference to the trustee's judgment in such matters."). Unless the property is harmful to the public, once the debtors in possession have shown that the property is burdensome or of inconsequential value and benefit, the court should approve the abandonment. Id. at 868.
- 27. The Debtors believe that the costs of moving and storing the Abandoned Property, if any, would far outweigh any benefit to their estates. Moreover, the Debtors believe that any efforts to move the Abandoned Property would unnecessarily delay the rejection of the Subleases. Therefore, it is in the

Debtors' best interests to abandon the Abandoned
Property located at the Premises.

Numerous courts, including those in this district, have authorized similar relief. See, e.g., In re Movie

Gallery, Inc., et al., Case No. 07-33849 (Bankr. E.D. Va. Oct. 17, 2007); In re The Rowe Cos., Case No. 06-11142 (Bankr. E.D. Va. Nov. 21, 2006).

NOTICE

28. Notice of this Motion has been provided to those parties entitled to notice under this Court's Order Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code Sections 102 and 105, Bankruptcy Rules 2002 and 9007, and Local Bankruptcy Rules 2002-1 and 9013-1 Establishing Certain Notice, Case Management, and Administrative Procedures (Docket No. 130) and to all Lessors under the Primary Leases and the Subtenants. The Debtors submit that, under the circumstances, no other or further notice need be given.

WAIVER OF MEMORANDUM OF LAW

29. Pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 90131(G), and because there are no novel issues of law
presented in the Motion and all applicable authority is
set forth in the Motion, the Debtors request that the

requirement that all motions be accompanied by a separate memorandum of law be waived.

NO PRIOR REQUEST

30. No previous request for the relief sought herein has been made to this Court or any other court.

CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, the Debtors respectfully request that the Court enter an Order, substantially in the form of the Proposed Order annexed hereto, granting the relief requested in the Motion and such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

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EXHIBIT A

(Unexpired Subleases of Real Property)

Exhibit A Subleases

LOCATION NUMBER	SUBTENANT	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	REJECTION DATE	PRIME LEASE NUMBER
6965	OUTDOOR SYSTEM ADVERTISING	39 NORTH ROSEMEAD BOULEVARD	PASADENA	CA	3/12/2009	406
6530	TOYS R US	6926 SOUTH LINDBERGH BOULEVARD	ST. LOUIS	MO	3/10/2009	530
6521	GUITAR CENTER STORES	7700 NORTH KENDALL DRIVE, #400	MIAMI	FL	3/10/2009	849
6949	PORK PLACE/HEAVENLY HAM	1055 GRAPE STREET	WHITEHALL	PA	3/12/2009	949
6244	ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	5325 MARKET STREET	WILMINGTON	NC	3/11/2009	1608
6255	INTERNATIONAL HOUSE OF PANCAKES	5325 MARKET STREET	WILMINGTON	NC	3/11/2009	1608
6256	INNKEEPER PROPERTIES	5325 MARKET STREET	WILMINGTON	NC	3/11/2009	1608
6104	THE SPORTS AUTHORITY	3350 BRUNSWICK PIKE	LAWRENCEVILLE	NJ	3/10/2009	3104
6106	FAISON	820 SOUTHPARK BOULEVARD	COLONIAL HEIGHTS	VA	3/11/2009	3106
6416	ADAP, INC. (AUTOZONE)	510 PARKER STREET	SPRINGFIELD	MA	3/11/2009	3146
6440	RUBY TUESDAY'S	510 PARKER STREET	SPRINGFIELD	MA	3/11/2009	3146
6243	CHANDLER	12300 WEST SUNRISE BOULEVARD	PLANTATION	FL	3/10/2009	3249
6224	DOLLAR TREE	10722 SE 82ND AVENUE	PORTLAND	OR	3/12/2009	3324
6973	PROSOUND MUSIC CENTERS	9250 SHERIDAN BOULEVARD	WESTMINSTER	CO	3/10/2009	3339
6132	MODERNAGE, INC.	8575 SOUTH QUEBEC STREET	LITTLETON	CO	3/11/2009	3345
6245	BABY SUPERSTORE	8575 SOUTH QUEBEC STREET	LITTLETON	CO	3/11/2009	3345
6448	NEW COLORADO DAILY, INC.	2600 PEARL STREET	BOULDER	CO	3/11/2009	3348
6504	RAYMUND GARZA	5425 SOUTH PADRE ISLAND DRIVE, #135	CORPUS CHRISTI	TX	3/12/2009	3504
6519	ACADEMY SPORTS	13350 EAST FREEWAY	HOUSTON	TX	3/11/2009	3520
6615	CASTO/GOLF GALAXY	4056 MORSE ROAD	COLUMBUS	OH	3/11/2009	3615
6016	AMERICAN OUTDOOR	2885 GENDER ROAD	COLUMBUS	OH	3/11/2009	3616
6770	\$1.00 STUFF, INC.	9931 MOUNTAIN VIEW DRIVE	WEST MIFFLIN	PA	3/10/2009	3617
6128	THE PEP BOYS	3475 WILLIAM PENN HIGHWAY	PITTSBURGH	PA	3/10/2009	3618
6110	THE AUTO TOY STORE	7230 MARKET STREET	BOARDMAN	ОН	3/10/2009	3629
6166	FORECAST DANBURY	110 FEDERAL ROAD	DANBURY	CT	3/10/2009	3668
6101	GLAMALICIOUS GIRLZ	772 BETHLEHEM PIKE	MONTGOMERYVILLE	PA	3/11/2009	4101
6127	SALEM FARM REALTY	428 SOUTH BROADWAY	SALEM	NH	3/12/2009	4120
6516	OK APPLE INC.	4339 WARDEN ROAD	N. LITTLE ROCK	AR	3/11/2009	4506